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HAHA! OH *SHIT*, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

THESE GUYS AT THE ARCADE BEAT ME UP AND STOLE MY BIKE.

THEY... BEAT YOU UP?

WHAT HAVE I BEEN TRAINING YOU FOR?

THEY WERE *GROWN MEN* AND THERE WERE LIKE, *FOUR* OF THEM.

WHAT DO FOUR GROWN MEN WANT WITH A BICYCLE?

*HOW WOULD I KNOW?*

THEY SEEMED LIKE REAL *CHAOTIC* TYPES!

WILL YOU... HELP ME GET IT BACK?

HELP *YOU?* HAHA ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

I TOOK BULLET SHELLS FROM THE FIRING RANGE TO THE SCRAP YARD FOR ***TWO SUMMERS*** TO AFFORD THAT THING, AND THEY JUST TOOK IT!

IT'S NOT HAPPENING, KID. I CAN'T BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS.

DO YOU KNOW HOW ***HUMILIATING*** THIS IS TO ME?

***PLEASE,*** DAD?

IF A MAN CAN'T HANDLE HIS OWN BUSINESS, HE'S AS USELESS AS A ***TURD*** IN A TOILET BOWL.

YOU KNOW WHO WANTS TO HELP A ***TURD,*** CHRISTOPHER?

FUCKING ***NO ONE.*** BECAUSE NO ONE ***CARES*** ABOUT A ***USELESS LITTLE*** PIECE OF ***SHIT.***

NOW GET OUT OF MY FACE OR I'LL BLACK YOUR OTHER EYE.

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TEXAS GO FOR OIL
SO THEY SAYS TO ME, THEY SAYS, "DELMONT, YOU BEST NOT STICK YOUR HAND IN THERE NOW!"

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TEXAS GO FOR OIL
SO WHAT DID YOU DO?
WELL, I STUCK MY HAND IN IT!

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DID THAT *FELLA* JUST WALK INTO THE *LADIES'* ROOM?

CAN I GET, LIKE, THREE ORANGE JUICES?

YOU OKAY, MISTER?

WELL, IF I'M GOING TO BE HONEST WITH YOU...

NO.

NO, I'M NOT.

I'M BECOMING AWARE THAT I MUST BE ***INCREDIBLY*** UNLIKABLE.

NO ONE WANTS TO SPEND ANY TIME ***WITH*** OR ***NEAR*** ME.

MY ONLY FRIEND IS A DOG THAT I JUST MET. ONE WHO, HONESTLY, PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE A DECISION ON IF THEY ***ACTUALLY*** LIKE ME OR NOT.

WHICH IS MOOT ANYWAY BECAUSE SOME DUDES KIDNAPPED THE DOG TO TRICK ME INTO DOING SOMETHING FOR THEM.

WHICH FEELS ***AWFUL*** BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS MY FRIEND ***GONE***, BUT I'M SO DESPERATE FOR ATTENTION I WAS ***ACTUALLY*** EXCITED TO BE NEEDED BY THE TYPE OF PEOPLE THAT WOULD STEAL A DOG.

AND WORSE, IT TURNS OUT THEY DIDN'T EVEN ***NEED*** ME FOR THAT JOB AND THEN THEY ***BETRAYED*** ME AND THEN TRIED TO ***KILL*** ME. WHICH THEY WOULD'VE DONE IF NOT FOR MY MOSTLY BULLETPROOF COSTUME.

SO, ***NO.*** I'M NOT OKAY.

MY CURRENT EXISTENCE IS FRAUGHT WITH UTTER LONELINESS AND ALL-ENCOMPASSING INCOMPETENCE.

I AM AN UNLOVED, WORTHLESS FAILURE THAT NO ONE NEEDS IN THEIR LIVES.

I JUST MEANT YOU LOOK LIKE MAYBE YOU NEED A DOCTOR OR SOMETHING.

BECAUSE YOU GOT A *TAMPON* STUCK IN SOME SORT OF WOUND THERE.

OH, THAT.

YES, I'M IN TREMENDOUS PAIN.

HEY, THERE AIN'T NO *SUPER-VILLAINS* ALLOWED IN THIS BAR.

I'M NOT A SUPER-VILLAIN. I'M A *SUPERHERO.*

WELL, YOU STORMED *RIGHT* INTO THAT LADIES' RESTROOM. THAT DOESN'T SEEM VERY *HEROIC.*

THAT'S FAIR.

I ASSUMED BEING A RACING BAR IN THE MIDDLE OF *NOWHERE,* IT WAS *UNLIKELY* THERE'D BE ANY WOMEN IN THERE, AND I REQUIRED THE FEMININE NEEDS DISPENSER TO ATTEND TO MY LIFE-ENDANGERING WOUNDS.

HE'S RIGHT. IT *IS* A SAUSAGE PARTY IN HERE.

I BELIEVE THIS FELLA IS USING A FEMININE NAPKIN AS A *BAND-AID*.

YOU EVER SEEN A SUPER-HERO IN THIS *SAD* CONDITION BEFORE, DELMONT?

BOY, YOU MUST NOT BE A VERY GOOD SUPERHERO GETTING TUNED UP LIKE THIS.

YOU GUYS MIGHT BE RIGHT, YOU KNOW? I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THE WORLD MORE PEACEFUL... BUT IT'S *NOT* MORE PEACEFUL.

IT'S ALL *FUCKED UP.*

ARE YOU CRYING, BOY?

SUPERHEROES DON'T CRY.

*EVERYONE* CRIES, DAMMIT!

HEY, THERE HE IS!

LISTEN, I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE. IT WAS MALLAH AND THE BRAIN WHO MADE ME STEAL STUFF FROM YOUR BOSS.

*THEY'RE* WHO YOU SHOULD TAKE ISSUE WITH.

YOU'RE THE ONE THAT KILLED STEAMROLLER THOUGH, RIGHT?

SHIT.

YOU WANT TO HANDLE THIS ONE, DELMONT?

THERE *AIN'T* NO *SUPER-VILLAINS* ALLOWED IN THIS BAR.

KAPOW!

WELP. DELMONT'S DEAD.

LOOK, I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, BUT I WAS JUST A PAWN, I--

WE HAD 63 DAYS WITHOUT A WORKSITE INCIDENT, YOU SON OF A BITCH!

YOU KNOW HOW MANY *SAFETY* MEETINGS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO NOW?

GROAN!

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WE HAD BONUSES ON THE WAY!

SPLASH!

JESUS, YOU SICK FREAK. ORANGE JUICE IN THE EYES?

YOU MAY AS WELL THROWN ACID IN HIS FACE!

EASY KNOCKOUT!

KWANG

CHUNK! CHUNK! CHUNK!

THUNK THUNK

THUNK

CHUNK! CHUNK!

CHUNK! CHUNK!

STAND STILL, YOU FOOL!

WORKPLACE ACCIDENT!

I WISH DELMONT COULD'VE SEEN THAT.

I THINK HE WOULD'VE BEEN IMPRESSED.

THAT WAS *VERY* COOL.

YEAH... IT... IT *WAS* PRETTY BADASS, WASN'T IT?

IT REALLY WAS SOME *FINE WORK!*

SHUT UP, SCOOPSHOVEL!

MAYBE I *DO* SUCK, BUT I DON'T SUCK COMPARED TO *THESE* GUYS...

...I SUCK COMPARED TO, LIKE, *GREEN LANTERN.* AND *THAT* DUDE WOULDN'T LET THESE ASSHOLES PUSH HIM AROUND.

I'M GOING TO GO SAVE MY DOG.

HEY, I'M HAVING A PARTY THIS WEEKEND. DO YOU THINK YOU--

I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, MISTER, BUT EVERY NIGHT I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE ANTICS OF A ***SLEW*** OF UNINHIBITED MAN-CHILDREN, AND EVERY MONTH ONE OF THESE GUYS TAKES A DRUNKEN ***SHIT*** IN THE SINK.

FRANKLY, I GOT ENOUGH WEIRDNESS IN MY LIFE TO CONTEND WITH AS IS.

I CAN RESPECT THAT.

TEXAS OIL

HEY, PEACEMAKER! YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MY TREE?

NOT NOW, CRAIG!

KISSES $5

LET'S DO THIS THING.

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, CHRIS?

YOU CROSSED STATE LINES AGAIN WITHOUT APPROVAL, AND THAT'S A VIOLATION OF YOUR PAROLE.

I *TOLD* YOU, IF YOU DID IT AGAIN I'D HAVE TO TAKE YOU BACK TO BELLE REVE.

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, RICHARD.

I WISH IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY.

BUT YOU BROKE THE RULES AND NOW YOU HAVE ONLY YOURSELF TO BLAME.

DUDE, ARE YOU *KIDDING* ME?

*BACK OFF.*

I'M *SERIOUS*, CHRIS. YOU'RE GOING BACK TO PRISON.

I'VE GOT SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO, AND I SWEAR, I'LL CRUMPLE AN OLD MAN IF I HAVE TO, RICHARD.

I'LL CRUMPLE *EIGHTEEN* OLD MEN.

I *AM* GOING TO DO MY JOB, CHRIS. YOU *ARE* GOING BACK TO JAIL.

WHY DOES THIS WEEK WANT ME TO BEAT UP OLD MEN SO BAD?!

HOW?

KRAKOW!

WHAT THE *FUCK?*

YOU THINK AMANDA WALLER HIRES JUST *ANYONE* TO BE HER PAROLE OFFICER?

I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE DOZENS OF SUPER-POWERED EX-CONVICTS FOLLOW THE RULES OF THEIR RELEASE.

DUDE, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO LOSE TO AN OLD MAN?

IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF, IT'S--

URK!

I TOLD YOU I GOT A MISSION, AND *NOTHING* IS GOING TO STOP ME.

BZZZZ

WHAT THE FUCK IS UP WITH THIS BEE?

THIS BEE IS *PSYCHO!*

HELLUVA HIT!

I HATE THAT YOU FORCED ME TO DO THIS. IT DIDN'T NEED TO BE THIS WAY.

IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS.

I *HAVE* TO GO! I *HAVE* TO GO, RICHARD.

THEY TOOK BRUCE WAYNE AND HE NEEDS *ME!* HE'S ALL ALONE, RICHARD!

PLEASE, RICHARD? **PLEASE?**

WAIT. WHAT HAPPENED WITH BRUCE WAYNE?

SOMEONE TOOK YOUR DOG?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, CHRIS?

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, RICHARD?

WON'T YOU GET IN TROUBLE FOR HELPING ME?

A MAN'S GOT TO DO WHAT'S *RIGHT*, CHRIS.

AND I GOT MY FRIEND HAPPY TO COVER MY CASES FOR ME.

WELL, I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS, DUDE.

WHO WOULDN'T DROP EVERYTHING TO RESCUE A DOG?

A *MONSTER*, THAT'S WHO.

SO WHAT'S YOUR DEAL? YOU USED TO BE SOME BAD ASS HERO?

ONCE UPON A LONG TIME AGO.

THEY CALLED ME... The RED BEE

GIRD YOUR LOINS, YOU NAZI FUCKS!

THE RED BEE IS HERE TO KICK YOUR COCKS OFF!

WHAT WAS YOUR DEAL? WERE YOU ENACTING A ONE-MAN WAR ON SUBTLETY?

AND WHAT IS *UP* WITH THESE *SLEEVES?*

YOU'RE WEARING A SUPER BLOUSE, MY GUY.

WHY DID YOU CALL YOURSELF THE RED BEE ANYWAY?

YOU HAVE SOME STINGER GUN OR SOMETHING?

NO GUN. JUST A GOOD RIGHT HOOK AND SOME TRAINED BEES.

HEY, THIS STYLE WAS THE *RAGE* BACK THEN.

THIS COSTUME STRUCK *FEAR* INTO NE'ER-DO-WELLS.

THIS COSTUME IS GOING TO STRIKE *SEIZURES* INTO EPILEPTICS.

YOU CAN CONTROL *BEES?* LIKE A WHOLE *SWARM?* THAT'S HARDCORE, BRO.

NO NO, I JUST HAVE ONE.

WHAT THE FUCK YOU MEAN *ONE* BEE?

BEES ARE LIKE FRIENDS, CHRIS.

YOU ONLY NEED ONE IF IT'S A REALLY GOOD ONE.

I KEEP HIM IN MY BELT BUCKLE.

YOU'RE MESSING WITH ME, RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW, MAN. MAYBE WE CAN'T DO THIS. I DON'T KNOW IF I GOT WHAT IT TAKES ANYMORE AND YOU'RE AN OLD MAN WITH A BEE.

HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, CHRIS.

YOU KNOW WALLER ONLY PUTS ME ON THE MOST DANGEROUS CASES, RIGHT? I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF YOU WEREN'T A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

THIS NEXT ONE WILL BE EASY FOR YOU, RICHARD.

THIS GUY'S AS SHARP AS A SACK OF WET MICE.

CHRISTOPHER SMITH, PEACEMAKER, THREAT LEVEL 2

THEN LET'S GO SAVE YOUR DOG.

NOW, WHAT'S THE PLAN?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE BRAIN'S BASE IS?

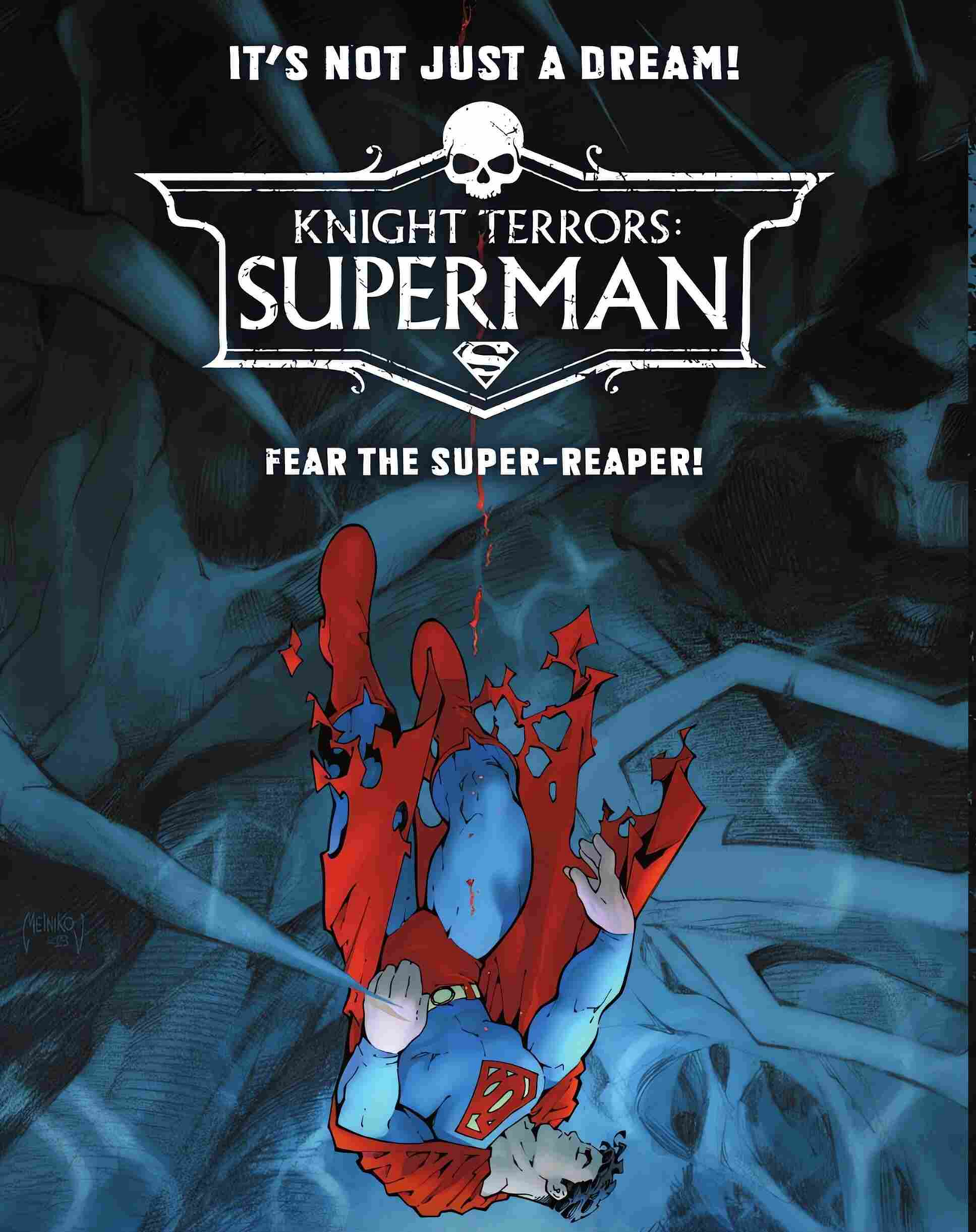
NO. BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES.

TO BE CONTINUED!

IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM!

# KNIGHT TERRORS: SUPERMAN

FEAR THE SUPER-REAPER!



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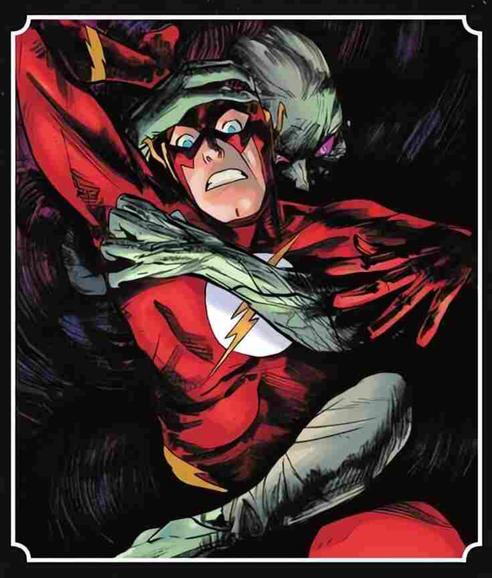
**WELCOME HOME, BARRY...**



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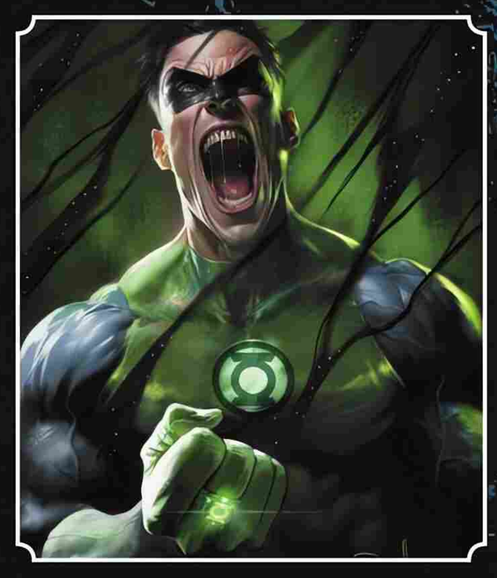

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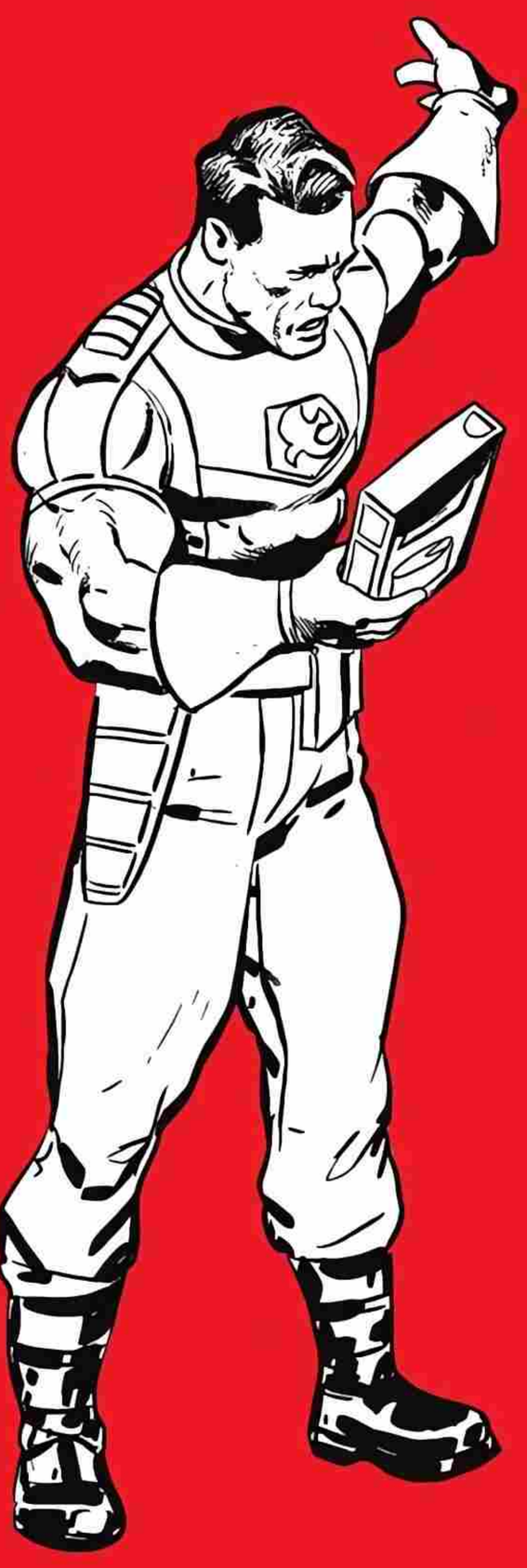


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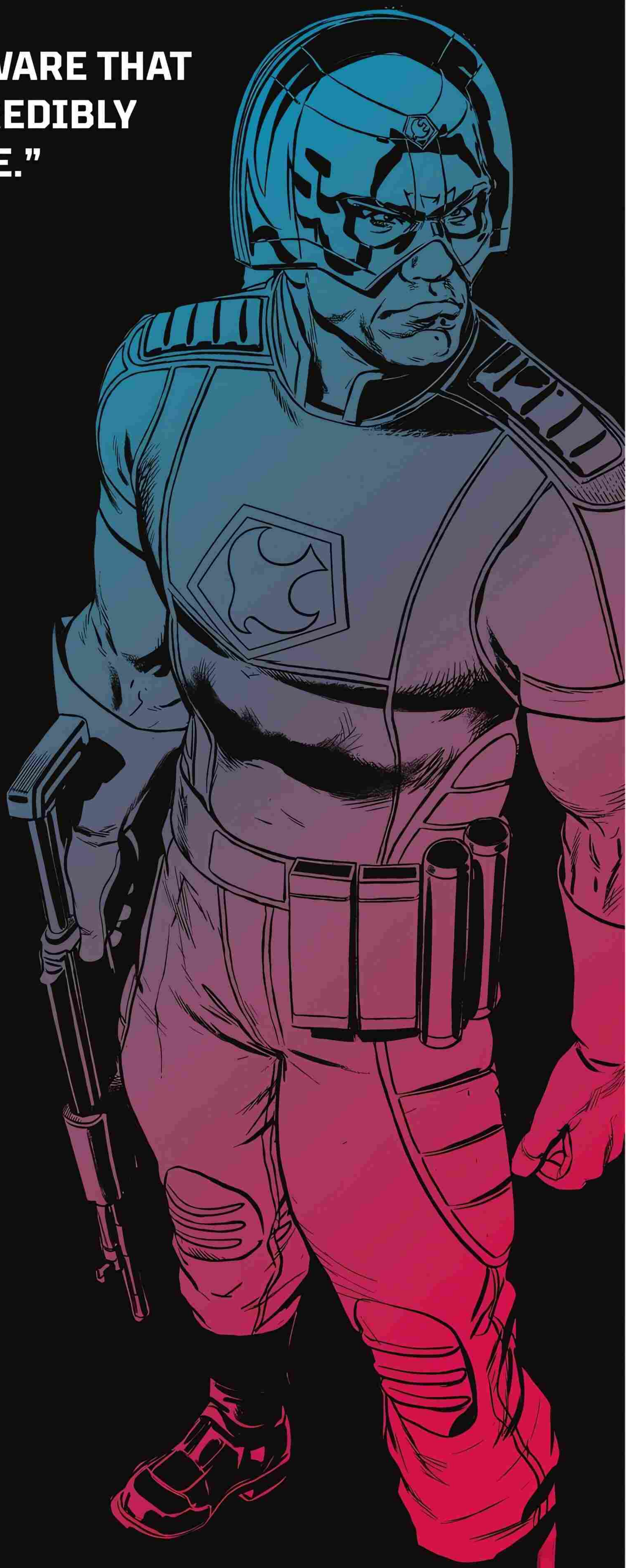
# “I’M BECOMING AWARE THAT I MUST BE INCREDIBLY UNLIKABLE.”

**Having earned his release from the Suicide Squad, Peacemaker wants to try and do normal superhero stuff for a change. Unfortunately everyone, including the bad guys, thinks he sucks at superhero stuff. But when busting up a terrorist ring introduces Christopher Smith to the cutest thing to ever walk on four legs, he finds the unconditional love he’s been denied his whole life. That is, until the dog is kidnapped right out from under him by a super-villain who has some very un-super-heroic plans for Peacemaker’s brand of ultraviolence.**

**Will he help an infamously unstable super-powered criminal steal the world’s most valuable—and dangerous—DNA? Honestly, Christopher’s pretty lonely, so it probably just depends on how nicely they ask...**

**Kyle Starks (*I Hate This Place*, *Six Sidekicks of Trigger Keaton*) and art legend Steve Pugh (*Preacher Special: Saint of Killers*, *Harley Quinn: Breaking Glass*) deliver a brutal and hilarious take on DC’s biggest POS that will bust guts, break bones, and melt hearts!**



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